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### **Winter Wheat seedings in the Northwest up 2 percent from last year United States planted acres down 7 percent**

Idaho growers seeded 780,000 acres of winter wheat for the 2016 crop, up 4 percent from 2015, and unchanged from the 2014 crop. Oregon farmers planted 710,000 acres, down 4 percent from the 2015 crop and down 5 percent from 2014. Washington winter wheat growers seeded an estimated 1.7 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2016, up 3 percent from the area seeded in 2015 and unchanged from 2014.

Nationally, planted area for harvest in 2016 is estimated at 36.6 million acres, down 7 percent from the 2015 crop and 14 percent below 2014. Seeding began in early September and remained at or behind the 5-year average seeding pace through the middle of November when seeding was mostly complete.

**Hard Red Winter (HRW)** wheat seeded area is expected to be 26.5 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. Planted acreage is down from last year across most of the growing region. The largest declines in planted acreage are estimated in the Great Plains States. Record low acreage was seeded in Nebraska.

**Soft Red Winter (SRW)** wheat seeded area is about 6.72 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Acreage decreases from last year are estimated in most southern SRW growing States, while most of the States in the northern half of the region seeded more acres than in 2015. Record low acreage was seeded in New Jersey.

**White Winter wheat** seeded area total nearly 3.43 million acres, up 1 percent from 2015. Planting in the Pacific Northwest got off to a normal start, but by the middle of October, progress was behind the 5-year average pace in Idaho and Washington. By November 9, seeding was virtually complete in the region.

## Winter Wheat Area Seeded — States and United States: 2014-2016

State	Crop year			2016 as a percent of 2015
	2014	2015	2016	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama .....	255	260	195	75
Arizona .....	8	5	12	240
Arkansas.....	465	350	230	66
California .....	490	400	420	105
Colorado.....	2,750	2,400	2,250	94
Delaware .....	80	70	70	100
Florida.....	15	25	30	120
Georgia.....	300	215	230	107
<b>Idaho .....</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>104</b>
Illinois.....	740	540	530	98
Indiana.....	390	290	420	145
Iowa .....	26	20	30	150
Kansas.....	9,600	9,200	8,500	92
Kentucky.....	630	560	550	98
Louisiana .....	160	110	50	45
Maryland.....	340	355	360	101
Michigan .....	550	510	580	114
Minnesota .....	42	52	41	79
Mississippi .....	230	150	100	67
Missouri .....	880	760	640	84
Montana.....	2,500	2,350	2,250	96
Nebraska .....	1,550	1,490	1,280	86
Nevada .....	15	8	8	100
New Jersey .....	33	27	25	93
New Mexico .....	380	385	380	99
New York .....	120	120	130	108
North Carolina.....	830	650	510	78
North Dakota.....	870	200	190	95
Ohio .....	620	520	590	113
Oklahoma .....	5,300	5,300	4,900	92
<b>Oregon .....</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>96</b>
Pennsylvania .....	185	195	220	113
South Carolina .....	230	170	110	65
South Dakota.....	1,210	1,420	1,070	75
Tennessee.....	530	455	400	88
Texas.....	6,000	6,000	5,300	88
Utah.....	120	115	125	109
Virginia.....	290	260	260	100
<b>Washington .....</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>103</b>
West Virginia.....	10	9	8	89
Wisconsin .....	295	230	295	128
Wyoming.....	140	145	130	90
United States .....	42,409	39,461	36,609	93

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